

29. The communication system as claimed in claim 17, wherein state attributes are provided selected from the group consisting of an unknown state, an alarm status, and an available status as state information.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

- 5 **On page 24:**
 replace lines 1-6 with
 -ABSTRACT-;
 in line 12, cancel "the subject matter of";
 in line 26, after "manager", insert -,-; and
10 cancel line 29.

REMARKS

The present Amendment revises the specification and claims to conform to United States patent practice, before examination of the present PCT application in the United States National Examination Phase. All of the changes 15 are editorial and applicant believes no new matter is added thereby. The amendment of claims 1-23 and the addition of claims 24-29 is not intended to be a surrender of any of the subject matter of those claims.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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